

## Freedom Park Board Meeting

Tuesday January 28<sup>th</sup> 2025

4:30 p.m. @ Lowell Town Hall 501 E. Main St. Lowell Indiana 46356

**Call to order followed by the Pledge of Allegiance-** Heide Laub led the meeting.

**Roll Call-** Dorothy Eich, Alice Dahl, Heide Laub, John Allesia

**Election of Officers for 2025-** John Allesia made a motion to keep them the same as previous years and all agreed.

**Review of Minutes-** Heide indicated she reviewed them, and Alice Dahl made a motion to accept the minutes from April 16<sup>th</sup> 2024 and John Allesia second the motion.

**Reports-** Discussion was had on the budget report Craig Hendrix generated. He took some time explaining how he came up with these numbers and projections for the following year.

Heide Laub indicated she was unable to contribute that amount and would need to re-address this at our next meeting for the future year. She indicated this meeting must be before June due to her budgeting timelines. After much discussion, Alice indicated she is good for the next amount, but Heide will have an answer for our next meeting. It was decided to table this issue for our next meeting.

Next, the dog park incident was discussed. The board was asked to review all reports and corresponding videos regarding Bryan Fuller. Alice Dahl then indicated that she spoke with Mr. Fuller and he requested a refund. The board then advised Cyndi to write Mr. Fuller a letter indicating he would receive a refund. After this much discussion was had on the concerns of people driving on the trail extension that will connect to our Freedom Trail.

Cyndi Hughes reported Bark Park numbers and Soccer updates and general park updates including the memorial bench, naming the trail and waste bag receptacles being put up at the park.

Craig Hendrix discussed the Rotary Clubs shelter project. He indicated he will suggest the town assist this project with manpower to excavate and assist in the concrete for the shelter.

Kevin Grey updated the board on all maintenance issues and concerns including the need for a new roof on the big barn, speed limit signs, gravel and dirt that was brought in for the sled hill.

Kevin then led the discussion on our hopes of implementing a tree farm on the Freedom Park property.

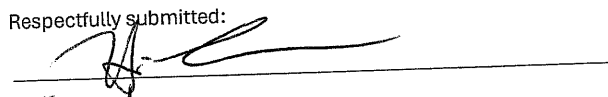
No public comment was made

Next meeting date will be set for April 15<sup>th</sup> 2025 @ 4:30 p.m. > Meeting location will be Town Hall 501 E. Main St. Lowell In

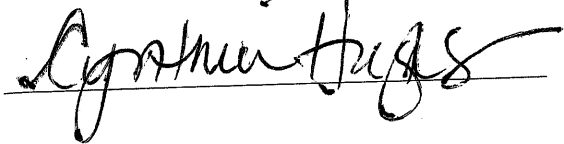
## Adjournment

John Allesia made a motion to adjourn and Dorothy Eich second the motion

Respectfully submitted:



Attest:



## **Freedom Park Board Meeting**

04.15.25

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**Call to order and Pledge of Allegiance-** Heidi Laub led the meeting.

**Roll Call-** Dorothy Eich, John Allesia, Kevin Grey, Cyndi Hughes

**Review of meeting minutes** from January 28<sup>th</sup>, 2025. Heidi indicated she reviewed the minutes Dorothy Eich made the motion to accept the minutes and John Allesia second the motion.

### **Reports-**

Cyndi Hughes updated the board on dog park membership to date.

Cyndi Hughes made the board aware of dumping of materials at porta potty

Cyndi Hughes reported the pickle ball and bathroom facilities had been opened for the season.

Cyndi Hughes reported the soccer numbers and dates for spring soccer.

### **Old Business**

Cyndi Hughes reported that the shelter project had been planed out by Rich Oman and that the project would start this week.

Kevin Grey gave a maintenance update at the park that included the submission of 3 estimates for the large barn roof. He also indicated stone would need to be purchased for the road.

### **New Business**

Heidi Laub indicated that she wished to table budget discussions again due to more research she needed to do regarding new statues for funding.

Cyndi Hughes indicated that the town would allow all CBDG monies to be used toward the parking lot at front of park near the restrooms to be repaved.

Cyndi Hughes indicated that new summer camps including Soccer and Pickle ball will take place at the park this summer.

### **Announcements and Correspondence**

Next meeting will be held on June 17<sup>th</sup>, 2025 @ 9 a.m. @ Town Hall 501 E. Main Street

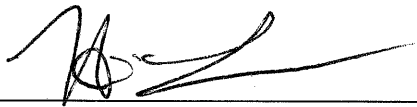
## Public Comment

Bryan Fuller a former dog park member, commented that he does not agree to be removed from Freedom Park. John Allesia asked Mr. Fuller to change his tone with the board members. After much discussion was had regarding this issue John Allesia and Heidi Laub indicated that Mr. Fuller would be allowed into the park itself and not at the dog park until some review was had over the matter. He was asked to attend the next meeting and was made aware of the date.

Note: Cyndi Hughes updated the LPD on the situation so the know he can enter the park but not the dog park until further review.

Montion to adjourn was made by John Allesia and Dorothy Eich second the motion.

Respectfully submitted: \_\_\_\_\_



Attest: \_\_\_\_\_

